

**Testimony of Frank J. DaCato  
In Support to  
Raised Bill #924**

Senator Doyle, Representative Baram, members of the Joint Committee on General Law, I would first like to thank you for taking the time to hear me this evening. My name is Frank DaCato and I am the training coordinator for Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 777. I am also a member of the State Plumbing Board and Apprenticeship Council. I am here today to voice my support for Raised Bill #924.

Public Act 02-92 became effective, without opposition, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. This statute required persons installing medical gas systems to be properly licensed and certified before the State of Connecticut can issue them their state medical gas certification. Currently in order for a person to be properly certified they must first hold the required prerequisite state occupational license and must also show that they have taken and passed and approved medical gas installer's class. The applicant must then submit proof of holding the proper license and of taking and passing the required course to the Department of Consumer Protection who will then issue them their State certification. This certification is then renewed every October by the holder mailing in their yearly certification fee. At the time of renewal however the holder of the state certification may no longer be certified. The standard for certification requires that the installed maintain their certification by submitting proof of their using the braze process every six months and submitting it to the original verifying agency. This could be done simply by having the contractor that they are working for submit the proper form on company

letterhead to the verifying agency stating that installer has brazed using that procedure in the six month time frame. The installer must also maintain their written certification every three years. This is also done through the original testing agency.

The Department of Consumer Protection is currently not following this standard. They are issuing renewal installer certifications without checking to make sure the installer is in fact still certified. There is a simple way for DCP to verify that the installer is up to date. At the time of their renewal, the installer must submit with their renewal fee a copy of their up-to-date certification card, before the state can reissue the State of Connecticut certification. I have included a copy of my card as an example. You will note on my card that my brazer certification expires on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and that my written installer certification expires on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. I will be submitting my braze certification to the certifying agency on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. At that time the certifying agency will issue me a new card with a Brazer date of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Once again thank you for taking the time to hear me tonight and if there are any questions I would be happy to try and answer them.

Respectfully Submitted:  
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**Certificate of Medical Gas Qualification**

Certification	Expires
ASME IX Brazer	03/17/2013
ASSE 6010 Installer	12/05/2014
N.F.P.A. 99-2005	
ASSE 6050 Instructor	12/05/2014
N.F.P.A. 99-2005	

